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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/SFCP - PROJECTS 03-034-N AND 03-325-C

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 5803, (B) STATE 1914

1. CONCERNING SALARY LEVEL PROBLEM DESCRIBED REFTELS, DR. EL-KHOLY INDICATED HIS FULL UNDERSTANDING. HE ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT, ON REFLECTION, HE THOUGHT LE 6,000 PER YEAR SALARY FIGURE FOR HIM WAS OUT OF LINE WITH LOCAL LEVELS. HE PROPOSES FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

(A) FOR PROJECT 03-325-C (EXTENSION OF RHEUMATIC FEVER PROJECT), DR. EL-KHOLY'S SALARY SHOULD BE LISTED AT 1,800 EL PER YEAR (ON BASIS OF 50 PERCENT OF HIS TIME). HE SUGGESTS SALARY OF DR. ALY SOROUR, AS CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, SHOULD BE LISTED AT LE 1,200 PER YEAR ON BASIS OF 20 PERCENT OF TIME. SAID THAT HIGHER RATE FOR LATTER WAS BECAUSE OF MORE SENIOR STATUS.

(B) FOR PROJECT 03-034-N (MENINGITIS PROJECT), HIS SALARY SHOULD REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY LISTED: EL 1,800 PER YEAR (50 PERCENT OF TIME). INDICATED THAT HE ACTUALLY INTENDED TO SHARE HIS TIME BETWEEN THE TWO PROJECTS AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRED, BUT THAT 50/50 SEEMED BEST FORMULATION.

(C) IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD BE NEEDED IN FUTURE FOR UNEXPECTED COSTS SUCH AS SUPPLIES (WHICH HE WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE MET OUT OF POCKET FROM HIGHER SALARY LEVEL), HE WILL REQUEST SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

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2. HE SAID THERE APPEARS TO BE MISUNDERSTANDING RE THIRD PROJECT (LABORATORY MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES) MENTIONED REF B. SAID HE IS NOT RPT NOT PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR THIS, AND INDEED DOES NOT WISH TO BE INVOLVED FORMALLY WITH IT, ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE GLAD TO HELP OUT WHEN AND AS NECESSARY. SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT DR. AHMED BADRAN IS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, AND DR. ELIAS ABOUD IS SENIOR CONSULTANT.

3. IF EXTENSION PROJECT 03-325-C ALREADY ON ITS WAY HERE, WE WILL HOLD PENDING ADVISE ABOUT APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS.

4. EMBASSY ASSUMES PHS WILL BE REVIEWING SALARY LEVELS FOR ALL PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS FOR CONSISTENCY AND TO ENSURE THAT DR. EL-KHOLY IS NOT PENALIZED FOR HIS HONESTY.
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